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### Historical Association.

Baptists have been great in history. They have been so busy making it that they have not spent as much time saving it as they ought. To save to posterity what they had made, Mississippi Baptists, fourteen years ago, in convention assembled at Jackson, the Mississippi Baptist Historical Association was organized. It has since held annual meetings on the evening preceding the meeting of the Baptist State Convention, at which an address on some phase of Baptist history has been delivered, the speaker this year being Rev. John L. Johnson, D.D., L.L. D., president of Hillman College.

President S. G. Cooper, at 8:30, p. m. announces that R. L. Bunyard will conduct the devotional exercises, the choir singing "Onward Go." The Scripture which he read was found in the 13th chapter of John, reading just five verses, emphasizing the "New Commandment," which is the badge by which the Christian is to be known in the Lord. Dr. A. V. Rowe leading in earnest prayer that whatever else men may say about the meetings, they may be able to say, "how they love one another." The choir sings "Praise Him" and President Cooper takes the chair and announces the speaker of the evening, who comes forward and opens his address by these startling words: "Every time in my life when I have made a speech, somebody has said to me, 'you do not know what you are talking about,' and it may be he has been right."

Two weeks ago I received notice that I was wanted to make this address. I replied 'what shall I speak about?' He said, anything you wish, which leaves the world before me.

First, I want to apologize to you for my personal appearance. Yesterday a trunk was well packed, locked and the key put securely away, and I have not seen that trunk since, else I might appear differently tonight.

In '73 of last century, I came to Mississippi and was born again—born a Mississippian—and the next year, the convention came to Oxford to look after me and they have been looking after me ever since.

At that time we were giving about \$800 to missions, and all of us in our associations, working separately, if they were working at all. The board was located at Jackson, and was charged, falsely of course, with doing nothing but keeping all that was put into its treasury.

We could not get a meeting and, I told them to move the board to Oxford and we

could get a meeting. And now let me tell you ladies how to get the men to come home—give them a turkey dinner. We planned a feast and invited the board to come. When they came we had oysters and ham—wife said the ham was spoiled. I cut it up into slices  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch, and sprinkled pepper all over making hot, and rang the bell for supper. We sat down to supper. We ate and ate. They all said it was the best ham they ever saw and asked for the brand,—the brand of a spoiled ham—that's the way to get men together, lead them. We talked, prayed and planned, and went to work.

The Coldwater association, one of the best in the State now, has not always been so. Walne went and they squealed him. Gambrell went the next year, and he came back looking more like a pan-cake that is spread all over the skillet when there was not enough dough to cover it.

The next year they said I must go. I went, and announced myself as the president of the State Mission Board; and the moderator said: We have a good place for you—right over there in the corner, and there I sat! I felt like a fool and at the same time I knew I was not a fool—did you ever feel that way? At night I preached to them—at their request—and after the sermon, Bro. E. E. King arose and said, let's take a collection! The moderator said, No! I said to him, sit down sir, the association is not in session now. We are going to take up a collection and we got \$700, pledged that night. That's the way we had to take collections in those days—lift it as by a Jack-screw. You young people do not know how the mission work was started.

When we took our first mission collection at Oxford, and two of us went down for \$50.00 apiece and some of the best people in the world said to me, you lost your head today, I said: Yes, but I found my heart! That is the way to find your heart. Here is the way one man expanded in his idea of mission work. He was so stingy, it is said, that when he went to the station to get his ticket, he would not buy his ticket until he heard the whistle of the train, for fear of losing the interest on his money. And, yet, I lived to see that old man, come to me and say: Tell me how much I ought to give to missions? That's expansion in an old man. But you young fellows begin now.

As it is with men so it is with churches. Twenty years ago this church had a small framed house and the pastor was living upstairs in two rooms and his wife was do-

ing the cooking—I do not know who was doing the eating! But now you see what you have here—and you got it by expansion! It is so all up and down our State. Why, we have so expanded in our views of things that a young man will not marry a woman who is not educated, if he has been educated, nor will a young woman marry a man who has not been educated. That's expansion. Our churches now want men in their pulpits who have been to college, and who are D. D's and sometimes they slip up; but it shows that we are expanding. When the women started their work everybody opposed it—even Bro. Rowe did, as I understood him—but now we all favor it—that's expansion. We are expanding at Mississippi College and we are expanding all down the lines. Look at the Orphanage! How we have expanded in our ideas about the orphan. Blue Mountain College is the only Baptist school that has expanded to suit me. Hillman College is just now bursting the bark. I closed yesterday a contract for a large addition to the campus. I also closed a contract with one of the noblest characters in this State—a full graduate of Mississippi College, a full graduate in law of the University of Mississippi, a full graduate of Johns-Hopkins University, one of the most eloquent speakers in the land, and one of the most scholarly men of the age, to become a member of its faculty—that is expansion.

I want us to expand in our ideas of running this Convention. Let these young men come to the front before they get old. Let no man have all the honors of this body. Two years are enough for any man to be president of this Convention, or any other position in it. And let's honor the preachers as well as the lawyers and the lawyers as well as the preachers—all of us in our time—that is expansion!

A few years ago I heard a friend make a speech in Canada before the B. Y. P. U. A. in which he used an illustration that I wondered I had not thought of before. A father of a large family had one child that was from birth weak in its mind. When he would come home all the children would meet him with flowers, and this unfortunate child, not knowing the difference between a flower and a weed, gathered a handful of weeds and brought them to its father, who took it up and kissed it, as he carried it into the house. I want all of us to do as those children did—do what we can, bringing all our talents and laying them down at the Master's feet.

After this superb address the congrega-



tion arises and sings with enthusiasm "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which the President exhorts the membership to a more active interest in the society. President Cooper announces that he will not allow his name to go before the society for a third time, acting on the suggestion of Dr. Johnson (he said) and Bro. Bacon nominates Dr. E. L. Wesson who in turn nominates S. G. Cooper.

While we are waiting for the tellers to report, a brother moves that the address of welcome and response be made. Pastor Shuck comes to the platform and in a few spicy words extends a cordial welcome. He says that Baptists know how to gather, they have been gathering so long. "We have longed for your coming, and may the memory of your visit linger with us long." At the invitation of the president, Hon. E. F. Noel, of Lexington, responds to the address of welcome in his usual graceful and splendid style. Mr. Noel is a magnificent specimen of the noble body of laity that we have in our Baptist churches in this State. While we further wait for the committee, several brethren amuse the body with spicy remarks. Dr. Venable announces by the request of the ladies their meeting at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock and urges the ladies all to attend. Secretary Rowe comes to the front and says that he is ready to receive all money that may be in hand for the Board. He calls attention to the presence of that "record breaking" book, the Pastor and the Sunday School. Dr. Lowrey suggests that we hear from our visiting brethren, and the following distinguished brethren come to the front: Dr. Prestridge, of The Argus; Dr. Spilman, field agent of the Sunday School Board; Dr. Robertson, of the Seminary; Dr. Bomar, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Dr. E. E. Folk, of The Baptist and Reflector, Nashville; Dr. Harvey Hatcher, of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the pastors of the different churches of the city.

## FIRST DAY.

Long before the hour for the Convention to come to order, the people are seen making their way to the meeting house of the Water Valley Baptist Church, which occupies a most prominent and conspicuous place in the city. For two hours the handshakings and meeting of old friends and new friends were most enjoyable. It is quite sure that the delegation will be large and representative.

Five minutes before the time A. J. Miller, the handsome Columbus bishop, comes to the platform to lead the devotional exercises. Miss Lou Ella Jennings is at the new "vocalion" organ, gotten especially for the occasion, and the Durant pastor, J. F. Tull, is at the side, when the Convention opens with that great Baptist hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," Bro. David Burney, a country pastor, leading the opening prayer. "Stand Up for Jesus" thrills all hearts and pastor Grace leads us again right up to the throne to await the divine blessing. Then we sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" in good, old-fashioned protracted meeting style. Bro. A. P. Pugh leads in another prayer. Bro. Miller reads from the Scriptures, in the 3rd chapter of Acts, emphasizing the ideas of courage, and giving and the glory, urging us to do the same, Dr. Venable leading in earnest prayer, after which the congregation sings "Nearer My God to Thee," making a devotional service that is real devotional.

At 10:30 President Conn calls the Convention to order, and on motion of Dr. Sproles the Committee on Enrollment is appointed, with N. W. P. Bacon as chairman, and the enrollment is quickly done by having slips of paper ready for distribution on which the delegates write their names and the committee makes its report in a very few minutes.

Dr. Venable moves that the Convention proceed at once to permanent organization, even without waiting for the report of the Committee on Enrollment, every member present knowing whether he had been enrolled. This could not have been done a few years ago. Gov. Longino nominates Judge H. C. Conn for president, and Dr. Venable nominates the present incumbents for the remaining offices, to which

there are several other nominations added. A. J. Miller declines re-election as statistical secretary, and S. G. Cooper nominates E. L. Wesson who in turn nominates S. G. Cooper.

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Hon. Walter Trotter reads the report of the tellers for the election of officers, resulting in H. C. Conn for president, J. F. McCool and Stacy Lord for vice presidents, J. P. Hemby recording secretary, L. S. Foster corresponding secretary, S. G. Cooper statistical secretary and J. P. Brown treasurer.

Chairman Bacon reads the report of the Committee on Enrollment.

Pastor Shuck announces hours for meeting and adjournment.

On motion of Dr. Sproles the chair is authorized to appoint the usual committees. On motion of Bro. McComb, seconded by Dr. Sproles, Brethren Rowe, Lowrey, Foster, Bailey and Flake were appointed a committee on order of business.

After the usual announcements the Convention adjourns for dinner, with prayer by Dr. Johnson.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at 2:30 President Conn's gavel falls on the table, and the Convention comes to order by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," Dr. Hackett leading in prayer.

Vice-President McCool takes the chair, and statistical secretary Miller reads his report, which along with many other

things shows 6,206 baptisms during the year, 5 churches organized, 10 churches dedicated, 9 preachers ordained and 4 deaths. Mississippi College shows 234 pupils, Hillman College 134, Blue Mountain College 313.

T. J. Bailey reads a request and offers a resolution at the request of John T. Buck, asking that the Convention appropriate \$1,500 to Sunday School work in the State during the year, employing a Sunday School fieldman whose duty it shall be to travel up and down the State visiting the churches that have no schools, in the endeavor to work up a Sunday School. The preamble recites the fact that not half of our churches have schools. The resolution is referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Secretary Rowe reads the 17th annual report of the Convention Board, which shows contributions as follows:

1. Foreign missions.....	\$ 9,032 77
2. Home missions.....	4,465 39
3. State missions.....	10,000 00
4. Sustentation.....	680 00

The report is replete with interesting facts and statistics that will appear in the minutes, which every Baptist in the State ought to read.

The Central Committee report is appended to that of the Convention Board showing over \$8,000 raised by them during the year. The report laments the death of Mrs. Adelia Hillman, who, in her day, way ever foremost in her work.

On motion of Dr. Venable, the various phases of the reports are referred to the respective committees dealing with those subjects. Dr. Venable moves that a page be set apart as a memorial to Mrs. Hillman, which is cheerfully done.

Sec. Rowe reads a letter from Dr. McConnell, stating that because of typhoid fever having stricken down three members of his family he cannot be present. At the request of J. L. Low, Pastor Rowe leads in prayer for the recovery of Dr. McConnell's family.

The president announces the various committees.

Rev. S. M. Ellis calls up the amendment for adoption, which he offered last year, looking to some slight change in the constitution—one for every 200 members from the Association instead of one for every 100 as now, and giving us one increased representative in the churches, one for every 100 members and one additional for every 50 members above that, or fractional part thereof.

After repeated cross-firing on the part of those parliamentary disposed, the amendments are adopted.

Dr. Hackett offers a resolution memorializing the legislature to give us statutory prohibition, referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Secretary reads names of Chairman of each Committee. After the usual number of announcements, the Convention adjourns until 8 p. m., when the Convention sermon will be preached.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

Before the appointed hour the commodious auditorium is comfortably full. The congregation has convened to hear the Convention sermon by Rev. J. R. Carter, of Blue Mountain.

Before the sermon begins things are a bit breezy, occasioned by a motion to recommend the report of committee on order of business, that more time might be afforded for the discussion of missions and other important questions. The motion to recommend is lost.

It is unfortunate that those who go up to the Convention to attend to the "Father's business" rush off home so quick that the interests of the cause do not receive that thorough consideration they are entitled to.

After some excellent music by the choir, Rev. J. N. McMillin, of Blue Mountain, reads portions of the Scriptures, and after another soul-stirring song by the choir and congregation, offers prayer.

The preacher offers prayer and announces as his text Prov. 11:30. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who winneth souls is wise." He deduces the subject: Soul-winning. Soul-winning is the greatest work that can engage the servants of God. Everything in Christianity should have for its end soul-saving. Laymen as well as the ministry are to give their lives in leading souls to Christ.

Some of the essentials in soul-winning are 1. To have a fixed and definite purpose. One of the characteristics of the early believers was the desire and effort to win men to our Lord. 2. Personal preparation and attractiveness in soul-winning. Hearing the gospel will not save. One must believe the gospel. We must by a Christly living constrain men and women to believe upon Jesus. 3. Constancy in our efforts in soul-winning. It is right to make special efforts to bring men to God, but it is also obligatory upon believers to labor uniformly and constantly to save sinners. 4. Unfeigned love for sinners. God's attitude towards the sinner is that of a lover. "God so loved the world that he gave his Son." Love removes all difficulties and covers a multitude of sins. To love the unlovable is a problem. Naturally we cannot love the unlovable, but by grace we can love the most unlovable.

How are we to love the sinner? (1) By understanding him, that we may enter into real sympathy with him. (2) Jesus Christ loves the sinner. Being like Christ we can love the unlovable. We love the sinner because Jesus loves him.

5. An utter reliance upon the Spirit. Human efforts are futile to save, but God is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto him. May God make us all soul-winners.

At the conclusion of this plain gospel sermon, the great audience sing "Rescue the Perishing," with life and interest. The closing prayer is offered by E. E. Thornton, of New Albany.

Thus closes a really good day in the Lord.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

For an hour before time to call the Convention to order, the various committees are busy about getting their reports in shape, or rather their "essays," for the Convention committed itself to the wisdom of putting all the work in one day, or nearly so.

Pastor Derrick, of Yazoo City, leads the devotional exercises, the congregation coming to order by singing "How Firm a Foundation," and Hon. D. M. Miller, of Hazlehurst, leads in prayer. "Come Thou Fount" is the next song, and Bro. R. H. Puffer leads in fervent prayer. The Scripture that is used is found in the 3d chapter of Colossians, J. A. Lee leading in prayer and Bro. Derrick closing the exercises by raising "All Hail the Power," the congregation joining in with the enthusiasm of a former generation.

President Conn takes the chair and announces the Committee on Temperance to report Sunday afternoon.

The first thing coming on for consideration, after the reading of the minutes, is the report on Publications, read by the chairman, W. E. Ellis, which urges that we all take and read the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, the Orphanage Gem, the literature of the Sunday School Board, and THE BAPTIST. With regard to the last named, the report contains the following paragraph: "THE BAPTIST, our State paper, deserves more than a passing notice. Mississippi Baptists are indebted to it and it deserves their special support. Its worth will depend largely on the co-operation of the Mississippi Baptist hosts. The management is giving us a good paper, which is read and enjoyed by a host of our people. With a hundred thousand Baptist people behind it, taking it, reading it and paying for it, we can make it the peer of any paper. It stands for everything in expansion in Missions and education; in addition it is a news-letter from members of the great Baptist brotherhood. The management is encouraged at the outlook. Let every pastor stand loyally by it and push it among his people. Your committee would append to the report the recommendation made last year, that the second Sunday in December, or the nearest convenient Sunday thereto, be observed in all our churches as 'THE BAPTIST DAY.'"

On account of the folly of trying to put two days' work in one, ONLY FOURTEEN minutes could be given to this report. There was only one speech on the subject, and that was a good one; but there were several brethren on their feet when the President's gavel fell saying that the time was out.

Dr. Lowrey reads the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, and Prof. Aven reads the report on Ministerial Education, which is spoken to by Prof. A. T. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He takes up "The Sorrows of Preachers." The way he takes off the young fellow whose strength lies in his hair is worth coming all the way to

Water Valley to hear. He pays a glowing tribute to the preacher of long ago who had no such opportunities as we have.

1. Poverty is one of the preacher's sorrows.

2. Marriage—a difficulty in the way of getting an education.

3. Bad advice—how many young preachers have been ruined by bad advice. Be careful the kind of advice you give a preacher. Never advise a preacher not to go off to college, or the Seminary, by telling him that he preaches well enough already—don't spoil him by puffing him up with conceit.

4. The preacher has trouble with his sermon before he preaches it and after he preaches it. Anxious for fear that he won't do it right, and sorry that he did not do it better—great sermon this.

5. Trouble with other folks. It is too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter and too pretty in the spring to go to church.

"What is the highest compliment to a preacher?" It is not to have some one come up to you and say: "That was the most beautiful sermon I ever heard—not that!"

7. Sorrows the preacher has with the prayer meeting. If "the prayer meeting is the thermometer of the church," most churches I know are mighty cold. That's a saying; but I think there must be some other way and place to find the pulse.

8. The ways of Providence are very disappointing to the preacher. Things do not go to suit him. He wants to see everything go on right ahead, but it doesn't do it. Let us possess our souls in patience. Let us pray, work and wait on God.

But it is not all of "sorrow"—there are many, many joys. If there is a preacher who would rather have Edwards' crown than his own, he is unworthy of a place in the ministry.

Dr. Robertson closes his speech with a collection that for freeness and spontaneity is rarely ever surpassed, the amount was \$451.00.

Dr. Lowrey addresses the Convention in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Education. He says that because of the call for endowment, we gave only about \$700.00 last year; and for this reason we have borrowed \$200.00. Dr. Lowrey says he is not going to take up a collection, but Pastor Low insists on taking the collection and again it rains money long enough to praise more than what is due.

The report of the trustees of Mississippi College is read by Dr. Lowrey, which recounts the fact that the session has been most prosperous, and the endowment completed.

Eight churches gave more than \$20,000; more than 10,000 was subscribed by eight; 14 subscribed the next \$10,000; 15 subscribed the next \$5,000—45 churches and their members subscribed more than \$45,000. Many other churches did as well in proportion to these. But we raised a margin of \$12,000, a total amount of \$52,000. But we could easily have raised \$200,000, if all had helped. What a shame



that all did not do.

The "President's Home" is complete and is a splendid home and puts the president in the most convenient location possible for doing the work.

The needs of the future, the immediate future is for a new and larger brick dormitory.

The action of the trustees at the close of the session in voting to keep the president in the field, was decided at the meeting of the Board last night, and the president put back in his chair in the college.

At the suggestion of Bro. A. J. Miller, Bro. Z. T. Leavell leads in prayer of thanksgiving and praise, and the vast congregation sing "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow." Dr. Lowrey makes some feeling remarks, saying that it was the most glorious year of his life and the report of nominations is read by Bro. J. N. McMillin, which was adopted in full, except as to time and place of next meeting, which is to come up later. H. F. Sproles is the Convention preacher for next year, with O. D. Bowen as alternate.

Treasurer Leavell, of Convention Board, reads his report, showing a total amount of money collected during the year of \$57,023.29, which is a magnificent showing.

D. J. A. Hackett reads the report on State Missions, which states that at no time have the conditions been more favorable for State Mission work. The fields were never whiter and the opportunities never more encouraging. A decided advance has been made all along the line. The work of the Central Committee seems to give satisfaction in every way.

R. A. Cohron offers a supplement to the report, that it was the sense of the committee that the missionaries in the service of the State Mission Board be paid, at least, at the end of the quarter in which the work was done. Bro. S. R. Young reads the report on church building, which by common consent, was read as part of the State Mission report.

Dr. Hackett discusses the report giving a historical sketch of the mission work in the State from its infancy, having been connected with the work intimately all along.

The doctor says that though he is getting old and gray, that the people still love to hear him. He says that in his mind and heart, after ten years of labor, and he trusts that God will put it into his hands.

Bro. Mize follows in a stirring speech, bristling with figures and facts with regard to the Delta, which he calls the Sodom of Mississippi. They have only 45 Baptist churches with 13 pastors in all that region. It has been longer in the Delta than any other man save one, and notwithstanding all the talk about its being unhealthy, I have been there 12 years and am not dead yet. There are several counties with only one Baptist church within their borders. They gave \$1.50 per capita in all this country. Lots of people don't want us there—the devil don't want us there. When I first went

over there, I was asked, "who, and what are you?" "I am a preacher." "We do not need you over here." Of course some of them do not want us, but the Lord wants us.

Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett reads a list of the towns and churches in the Delta that are in great need of help, if the gospel is to be preached to them.

Convention adjourns to dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly on the dot Vice President Lord calls the Convention to order, and for the fourth time "How Firm a Foundation" is brought into service, followed in prayer by Bro. Hewlett. On motion of Bro. Bacon the regular order is suspended and Secretary Rowe discusses the question of State Missions. (Acting President Lord stops the speaker long enough to ask some to go across the street and ask the small boys to not disturb the meeting by a fine game of ball they are having, Bishop Wesson going on this mission.)

Dr. Rowe makes one of his characteristic speeches, stirring the heart of the Convention deeply. He reports the best news that he has ever been permitted—that for the first time in all these years he comes to the Convention out of debt.

A number of brethren make speeches—in fact, speech-making is in the air and everybody wants to speak.

Bishop Cohron calls attention to the amendment requiring that the men in the service of the Convention Board be paid quarterly. After some discussion the matter is referred to the Convention Board for action, and the motion is carried.

Rev. S. M. Ellis reads a real report on Foreign Missions—after considerable talk on the part of the brethren as to what to do with the report that had been cut out by the extension of time on State Missions. What a pity that after we go to great expense of money and time going to the Convention we do not take time to give decent discussion to all questions coming up for consideration.

The report shows an increase in work, workers, contributions and results, there being about twice as many as in any previous year.

Mississippi is asked for \$13,000 for Foreign Missions this year, an increase of about \$4,000, or about 4 cents per member. The time was given to Assistant Secretary Bomar, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. He says that there is a different spirit characterizing the different State Conventions. In Texas it is cyclonic, in Virginia it is conservatively progressive, in Georgia ambitious to excel, but I shall characterize yours as that of brotherly love—it is the sweetest spirit here that I ever saw. May no man who ever comes among us have occasion to reverse the opinion of Dr. Bomar. There are two books, the speaker said, for which he had absolutely no use in this world—one seeks to prove that the negro has no soul, and the other is that one which seeks to prove that the Anglo-Saxon is the descend-

ant of the "ten lost tribes," which were never lost any more than the twelve tribes were lost. Dr. Bomar told of a pastor in North Carolina who was the pastor in four churches, of 939 members, whose contributions to Missions amounted to the shamefully small sum of \$2.50. This preacher had spent all his time in contending for those truths that are never doubted, leaving off the great doctrine of Missions—this he ought to have done and not to have left the other undone. Paul tells of his fellow workers, and thirteen of them were women, which teaches that all of us are to be workers in His name—the old and the young. A boy ten years of age is to be taught his duty to give his money and his time and talents to the service of Christ.

We need to give a good deal of time to explaining the work of the Boards. People are sometimes scared of boards, and it only takes a little patience and information, and all people will follow along in the work. A little common sense in all our work will clear out all the cobwebs. The experimental stage has been passed long ago. When Carey went to Burmah it was an experiment as to whether he could stay or whether the people would come to hear him or not. But we have gotten beyond all this now. We have struck terra firma. This is a time of great opportunity. The Mission churches are themselves sending out missionaries, which is the entrance upon that other era, the era of evangelization. We have theological training schools in several of our Mission fields, whose purpose is the training of young men to preach the gospel to men and women in their native tongue, which will give us in the course of a few years not only self-supporting but self-propagating missions. In a few more weeks now a man can get on the Paris and Peking (China) Cannonball Limited and go all the way through without stopping. We can go up and down Africa and all over the world on the railroads in a few years, in all of which God is opening the world for the preaching of the gospel. I got my Foreign Mission experience after I became a pastor. I used to take an "annual collection," and just let it run and take its chances. Sometimes we got \$25 and sometimes more. There was no heart in the matter. But when a man sees the world lost in sin and Christ dying for it, and his obligation to it, he will get an experience of Missions that will open his heart and purse that he shall never forget.

Bro. Bacon objects, in a vigorous speech, to a phrase in the report, "the overshadowing obligation in our Missionary enterprise is foreign." Dr. Bacon is in the midst of a fine speech when Dr. Lowrey arises to a point of order that breaks it up, by giving Bro. Bacon the privilege of amending the report to suit himself. Bacon is such a fine speaker that some of us felt that it is inflicting a great wrong upon him to stop the flow of eloquence so abruptly; but he gets what he went after, which was all he desired.

P. I. Lipsey reads the report on Home Missions, which shows great prosperity in the work, having baptized over 8,000 con-

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verts during the year.

Rev. A. P. Pugh offers a resolution of sympathy for Dr. McConnell in the great affliction that has fallen upon his family, and pledging our earnest support in the work.

At the request of Dr. John L. Johnson, Prof. B. G. Lowrey leads in a most touching prayer for some who are sick, and some for whom prayers are asked—Dr. Tichenor, Dr. McConnell's children, Pastor Henry Hurt's wife, daughter of our beloved Bro. Hearn, of West Point. After the prayer Dr. Lipsey makes in a few minutes one of the finest speeches of the Convention, setting forth the work of the Home Mission Board. Patriotism, the love of our own, prompts us to do Home Mission work. In this work for the most part right among our own people, those of our own bone and sinew.

The next order of business is the report of the Committee on Nominations, as to time and place. Pastor Derrick moves to strike out Meridian and insert Yazoo City and backs it up with a fine speech. Dr. Venable speaks in behalf of Meridian. McMillin speaks in explanation of the committee's report. Dr. Trotter speaks in behalf of Yazoo City. A. J. Miller speaks for Yazoo City. Bro. Hughey says: "If you will look at the two men (Derrick and Venable) you will see where you ought to go." The people laugh and Yazoo City wins, and the time settled is WEDNESDAY at 10 o'clock before second Sunday in July, 1903.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention comes to order by singing in stirring strains "Nearer My God to Thee" and Bro. Z. T. Leavell leads in prayer and Dr. Venable reads the report on Woman's Work.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been in existence fourteen years and has raised in that time \$74,400. There are about 2,000 societies and about 500 were organized last year, 75 of which were organized in Mississippi, making the total number for Mississippi about 200. They raised last year about \$9,000. The secretary wrote over 1,200 letters during the conventional year. It is the "storm center" whence comes the energy that vitalizes and stimulates our whole work.

It is recommended that the pastors and churches give more time and attention to this work of organizing new ones where there are none now.

In discussing the report the doctor says that he has come to believe that it is the most potent agency for good we have. We are getting back on Scriptural grounds in this effort to develop the female portion of our churches. If we will read the 8th chapter of Luke we will find that the women were aiding and supporting the Lord and His disciples in their work. In the last chapter of Romans Paul mentions seven women by name who helped him greatly in his work. He realized the potency that God had given her in her creation.

It is not more than a stone's throw behind since the women were not taken into notice at all in our church work, conse-

quently we wasted and lost about 75 per cent of the strength in all our churches. It is not the number of shekles that they contribute to our work; but when we get back behind these contributions we find that which is the strength of our cause—their devotion and consecration. The way to begin to develop the missionary spirit in our churches is to begin with the women, for a converted woman is always willing to do all she can for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. What we need today is a grand swell of good, old fashioned Baptist indoctrination.

Before the doctor had finished his good speech, Stacy Lord calls for the special order, and the discussion comes to a close.

Prof. John L. Johnson, Jr., reads the report on Young People's work, which recites that out of all our churches there are only about 34 churches in the State that have recognized the worth of this work. The report commends the work to all our churches and pastors. Prof. Johnson backs up the report by a substantial speech on the essentials of the work.

Prof. Landrum Leavell speaks to the report next. He is strong, clear and enthusiastic, and nobody sleeps while he speaks. The B. Y. P. U. movement includes all that is found in all the young people's organizations with one thing more—the study courses in the Scriptures and in Mission and Baptist history.

Dr. Robertson speaks to the report by special request.

There are three things this work proposes to do for us:

1. Teach us how to find out more about what the Bible teaches. What we want to do is to learn the Bible.
2. The next thing we want to learn Baptist doctrine, and this is no reflection on our ancestors.
3. The other thing it stands for is expansion—the preaching of the Gospel around the world. If there is anything else in this work I do not know of it, and I have been in it, and out of it, and all around it. It means to take the world for Christ and do it quickly.

Judge Anderson next speaks to the report. He has been in the work from the first in Mississippi and is not afraid of it at all. As soon as a soul is converted it is to be taken in hand and trained for usefulness in the churches of Jesus Christ. We are not only to know *what* to do, but we are to know *how* to do it. Our Lord first taught His disciples before He sent them out, and so must we do.

Dr. Prestridge speaks of the pent-up force in our young people, and how the devil is bidding for this power for the extension of his kingdom. But, we must train for God. He bears testimony to the practical worth of the work. He says that he wrote to fourteen pastors asking them what they were doing for the young people and what the young people were doing, and all of them bore most helpful testimony of how the young were coming to the helpfulness of the churches. And our great increase of interest in the Master's work in Kentucky is due to the gracious work of our young

people.

Prof. Aven next speaks. Everything in the physical world depends upon organization, and it is but true in the spiritual realm. Youth is the time when the mind and heart are tender and pliable and impressionable; hence the importance of starting our young people out in the right direction. The movement stimulates the young people to greater consecration of heart, head and hand to the service of Christ. Develop the dormant idea that is in us—that idea is the preaching of the Gospel to all the world.

The Convention adjourns.

#### SUNDAY.

##### MORNING SESSION.

The report set for the morning session is on Sunday-schools. "All Hail the Power" is again brought into service and P. I. Lipsey leads in prayer. "We are Marching to Zion" peals forth from the splendid "Vocalion" accompanied by all voices. The place in the Scripture that is read is the 5th of Deuteronomy. Dr. Hackett leading in fervent prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. By the time the Sunday-school children had begun to come and to mingle their voices with those of the delegates "I will Guide Thee with Mine Eye" makes melody in all hearts.

Bro. Arthur Flake reads the report on Sunday-schools. The report recites that there are 568 schools in the State, a gain of nine during the year, leaving 712 churches without schools. The report recommends that a Sunday-school Field Secretary be appointed, under the supervision of the Convention Board, whose duty it shall be to organize schools where there are none, and stimulate those that are already organized. Bishop Bacon moves to amend by striking out that part of the report that refers to the Sunday-school Field Secretary, and backs it up with a brief speech, and Bishop Rosamond, of Winona, opposes the amendment very stoutly. Bro. Flake asks that Spilman speak upon the report. Before he speaks, Supt. Jennings has the children to sing a rousing song, when Bro. Spilman comes to the platform. The investment in a Sunday-school field man is the best investment you can make. Let him be a missionary pure and simple. We have tried in North Carolina and it works grandly. In our State (N. C.) we are 5th in the number of churches and first in Sunday-schools. Four years after we had a Sunday-school field man, by actual count, we were baptizing *forty-times* as many children as all of them put together. When I left off the work as field man, we had 400 more schools than when started, and it will do that for you in Mississippi. I did not organize but one school myself—I went on and stirred up the interest and the people started the schools after I was gone on.

In the Sunday-school we are teaching the Bible; can that hurt anything or anybody, and especially a Baptist. Training and teaching are not the same thing. A man



may know a thing; but not know how to do it. A Sunday-school stands for both—the knowledge of what is to be done, and how to do it.

It is the best agency for reaching our children—it supplements the work of the home as nothing else can. Far be it from me to disparage the work of the home, I shall never forget when my mother gathered me about her knee and told me of the Old Bible heroes. The Sunday-school reinforces the teaching in the home.

In North Carolina we save the State every two years. The people who are saving the State are doing more for the country than all the other statesmen in all their great and noble work. God bless our statesmen, all of them—but it is the Sunday-school teacher with the Bible in his hand and a class of boys before him and the grace of God in his heart that does the work. As good a governor as your governor may be, one good Sunday-school fieldman will do more to save the State than six of the best governors you can get.

We sometimes hear folks say, "Oh, he is nothing but a boy." Somebody said that of a little boy in Cleveland, Ohio, once—they brushed him aside; but that boy is now John D. Rockefeller. A boy went to New York, and began work in a soap factory—he was nothing but a boy. A Sunday-school teacher found him and taught him the way of Christ, and the world will never cease to hear of William Colgate!

An old preacher was confronted by some of his disappointed disciples who said to him: The work is a failure this year, just one boy saved; but that boy became Livingston! Let's take care of the boys and girls while they are young.

This was one of the finest pleas for Sunday-schools ever heard in a Mississippi Convention.

On motion of Dr. Venable, the report is continued until 10 o'clock Monday—and the Convention adjourns to 3 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Vice-President Lord calls the Convention to order promptly 3 o'clock, stating, although there were not many present, it is not any fault of the part of the chair. "Nearer My God To Thee" is sung and Dr. E. E. Folk, Nashville, Tenn., leads in prayer.

Dr. R. M. Leavell, LL.D., of the University of Mississippi, reads the report on Temperance. The trouble with the forces of Temperance is not for the want of strength; but it is the need of unity on the part of the temperance people. The policy of license, high or low, is without justification. Moral or legal prohibition is the only way we deal with such an evil. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by statutory or constitutional prohibition. It is a nearest impossibility to prohibit any crime, but they can all be more or less minimized by laws of restraint and prohibition, and laws against prohibition are just as preventive as the laws against any other evil.

Pastor Derrick speaks to the report. He

strikes at the blind-tiger phase of the question. He was pastor in Canton for four years, where whisky is sold. At the local option election, the American Liquor Dealers' Association put \$10,000 in the campaign fund to carry the county for whisky. Now, if more whisky is sold without saloons than with them, why is it that the manufacturers of whisky, who are interested only in the amount of sales, always and everywhere, favor the open saloon?

The more attractive the drinking place the more people will drink, and the more those who drink, do drink.

Dr. Hackett asks that the report be read again; and the brethren insist that he come to the platform and make a speech—"a good long one" says S. W. Sibley. He amends the report by inserting that we have a law to prevent its being given away for any cause.

If the liquor men can't get men to buy their goods, they will give it away, with the purpose of creating an appetite.

They send boys to our public schools with small bottles of whisky which they distribute among the boys—this ought to be prohibited. Dr. Sproles speaks on the amendment.

S. W. Sibley speaks vigorously to the report. He speaks of the clubs and other social evils. He says that he has quit everything but a Baptist church, and would quit that if it were not of God—"Amen" rings out from a number of voices.

Bishop Hughey says that we ought to come to bottom facts. We want to send men to the legislature who have courage enough and sense enough to do their duty—and leave some of those "cattle" that were down there last year, at home, next year. We don't want to ask for too much—just ask for what you want. We want State prohibition; then let us ask for it, and keep on working at it.

T. J. Bailey spoke of the good effects of local option, but urged that we go on to perfection and have statutory prohibition.

Dr. Folk makes a stirring speech on the question telling how it is done in Tennessee. He makes the wise and practical suggestion, that if you want a legislature to pass a statutory bill, you must get them committed to the thing before they are elected. Make a fight before the people that they vote for men who will support the prohibition measure, and vote for nobody else. Make it an issue in the campaign and see that every candidate for the legislature commits himself on the subject.

The saloon is in politics and will never come out until Christian people go in and take it out. In Tennessee only 15 per cent of the population are whisky people and yet these have dominated the whole State; but I long to see the day come when the 85 per cent. will dominate. This closes the discussion and the report is unanimously adopted and the Convention adjourns in prayer by S. M. Ellis.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The subject coming on for consideration

is the Orphanage, and the children of the Methodist orphanage, with Bro. Griffith, superintendent, are present and are given the front seats. This orphanage has been in progress five years and they have 105 children with them now. The congregation assembles early and spends the time in singing until the hour for calling the Convention to order. Vice President Lord is again in the chair, and Dr. Spilman leads in prayer.

The report on the Orphanage is read by Bro. Lord, who speaks to it in words clear and strong. He recalls its past history, and the generous contributions of the people, to show that there is nothing that ought to be done for the Orphanage that we cannot do.

Judge Anderson tells of how the First Church, Vicksburg, gives its Sunday School contributions for the first Sunday in each month to the Orphanage, which amounted on the first Sunday in July to about \$13. At the request of Bro. A. E. Jennings, Dr. Leavell leads in a special prayer for the growth, equipment and perpetuation of the institution. Bro. Jennings speaks to the report, telling how the contributions that his school has made to the Orphanage has helped to develop the grace of giving. He says that he wants to so live that when he dies he will be missed by his church, the Orphanage and all those who are in need. After some little conferring and short talks, a cash collection for the Orphanage is taken up, amounting to about \$70.

Dr. Sproles speaks briefly of the great need of having the twelve unfurnished rooms fitted up, as children are being kept away from the Orphanage for the lack of room, and twelve brethren respond, at once, taking a room each to furnish; and when the list is gone over it is found that Bro. Z. D. Jennings and Mrs. Z. D. Jennings are each down for a room. What would the Orphanage have done without the help it has so graciously received from those who bear the name of Jennings? Bro. A. E. Jennings reminds the delegates of the notice given that he wanted every delegate to leave a dollar for the Orphanage, and a hat collection of \$75 is immediately taken up.

Dr. Foster, in a few words, explains the present needs and workings of the institution. Along with much of other stuff, it takes one barrel of flour a week to feed the children, and that there is one merchant in the State who sends a barrel every month.

Bro. W. J. Derrick, with whose church we meet next year, offers a resolution of thanks to the railroads and the people of Water Valley for most generous hospitality extended—and everybody wants to speak at once, every fellow asserting positively that he had the best "home" in Water Valley. This scribbler found a sure enough resting place under the most hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boydston's splendid home. He never expects to have anything better in the way of a Convention home. All honor to Water Valley—she did it and did it grandly. Pastor Shuck, the host-in-chief, never gets in the

wrong place once. Whenever he appears before the Convention it is to make some timely announcement looking to the well-fare of the Convention, and then to retire as modestly as he appeared.

The Convention adjourns until 8:15 Monday, Bro. Sproles leading in a most earnest and tender prayer for the Divine guidance during the remainder of our days on the earth.

#### MONDAY.

Vice President Lord, in the absence of the President, calls the "house" to order—the people have not yet arrived—and Pastor Tull raises "Come Thou Fount," and W. P. Price leads in Prayer. E. E. Thornton offers a resolution to the effect that the secretaries be allowed the usual amounts for their labors and that 1,500 copies of the minutes be printed and distributed. The speeches are limited to five minutes, and things are to go off with a whoop—things that demand deliberation, and will in the future receive the attention that their importance deserves, as we are to meet early enough in the week to give full attention to all reports.

A motion of Bro. Burr to appoint a "programme committee" to "cut and dry" a programme for the next meeting is discussed and withdrawn, it being evident that Mississippi is not yet ready to commit itself to anything like that. A motion by Bro. I. P. Trotter to appoint the chairmen of the committees for next year—this is tabled after brief discussion.

Pastor J. P. Culpepper reads and discusses the report on Sustentation, or the care of aged ministers. Secretary Rowe makes some timely remarks upon the same subject. He wonders why it is true that we do not give more to relieve the needs of these old, worn-out servants of God—why all of our churches do not remember these old people in their collections for general beneficence? Dr. Sproles is chosen to prepare a sketch of Mrs. Hillman's life for insertion in the Convention minutes.

S. W. Sibley presents the report on Obituaries, recording in the number of the dead during the year the names of Brethren Noffsinger and Ellzey, among our pastors, and a number of other brothers and sisters.

The regular order, at 9 o'clock, the consideration of the Sunday School report, that was continued from yesterday, coming up, the report is re-read by Chairman Flake, discussed by several brethren and passed. The report makes provision for having a Sunday School Field Man, whose duty it shall be to do for Sunday Schools what Dr. Rowe and his predecessors have done for Missions.

Dr. Sproles takes the floor and says some wise things, as he never fails to do, that sweep all opposition away and the body is ready to vote. Judge Anderson says that he is so anxious about it that he would pay one-twelfth of his salary. Dr. Venable speaks some words of caution. He says that when he came over to the Baptists from the Methodists, he came horns, hoofs and all—and one brother suggests

that it would be well if all would leave their horns.

Dr. Bacon says he is getting old, but he can read the signs of the times, and that inasmuch as he sees the band wagon coming, he therefore withdraws his objection and the motion is voted with enthusiasm.

Rev. W. T. Lumbley, returned missionary from Africa, is introduced and tells of his work. He has been in Africa 13 years, and the work is most prosperous. Native preacher, L. M. Stone, preaches to five and six hundred people every time he preaches. This is only one instance of the progress of the work in Africa. "I cannot express to you the joy and gladness that I feel over the prospect of the work in Africa."

Dr. Johnson submits a resolution authorizing the presenting of an itemized statement of all receipts, which is voted.

Rev. S. M. Ellis offers a resolution to the effect that the trustees of the Orphanage be expected to make a report of their work to the Convention.

Dr. Sproles announces that the Board has unanimously and enthusiastically elected young Prof. Landrum Leavell of Jefferson College, and he has accepted it on a salary \$300.00 less than he has been getting as teacher in that college. Bro. Leavell is called to the platform and in a few words wins all hearts, and as he starts to leave somebody starts "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow" and an old-fashioned Baptist hand-shaking. As the hand-shaking is over, Dr. Sproles stands by the side of the young man, and prays that the "mantle of his ancestors—the Berrys, the Balls and the Leavells—may fall on Landrum's head." Capt. Brown of Kosciusko, says that "this is the happiest moment of my life, in a Mississippi Baptist Convention."

After sundry announcements and remarks, the Convention adjourns to meet in Yazoo city, on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, before the 2nd Sunday in July. Dr. Z. T. Leavell pronounces the benediction.

#### The Life of Christ. A Sketch.

BY A. J. AVEN.

PART VII.

#### The Perean Ministry—Continued.

*The withdrawal to Ephraim.* John 11:47-54. Such power as Jesus showed in raising the dead naturally disturbed the chief priests and Pharisees, and so they gathered a council and said, What do we? For this man doth many signs. If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. But the situation was relieved by the suggestion of Caiaphas, the high priest, that one man was to die for the people; and that that man should be Jesus. So from that day forth they took counsel that they might put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but He withdrew again to the west of the Jordan into a city called Ephraim, "in the hill country north of Judea."

*The Ten Lepers.* Luke 17:11-19. The Lord turned His course once again toward Jerusalem, and soon he came in speaking distance to ten lepers, whom He cleansed. Of these ten men who received such a rich blessing at the hand of the Master only one showed any marks of gratitude. How forcibly does this incident in the life of our Lord bring to mind the thanklessness of so many people for the blessings received through the agency of Christianity. "The best of us are far too like the nine lepers. We are more ready to pray than to praise, and more disposed to ask God for what we have not than to thank Him for what we have."

*The Coming of the Kingdom.* Luke 17:20-18:8. When questioned as to the coming of the Kingdom of God, the Lord replied that it would not come with observation, neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, there! for lo, the Kingdom of God is within you. He illustrated the uncertainty of the coming by reference to the days of Noah and also to the days of Lot. The destruction of the people of their time, found the people occupied with their daily pursuits, so after that manner shall the Son of Man be revealed. Then He taught them by a parable that they ought always to pray and not to faint. In this parable of the "unjust judge and the widow," He showed the value of persistent and earnest prayer.

*The Pharisee and the Publican.* Luke 18:9-14. By this striking parable the Lord taught the folly of trusting to our own righteousness, instead of trusting to the saving efficacy of the Son of God. The wretched publican, the sinner, was justified rather than the self-righteous Pharisee. We also learn from this parable that only in true humility can we put ourselves in a proper attitude toward God.

*Concerning Divorce.* Matt. 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12. On the subject of divorce the Lord is very specific. He showed how the command of Moses had been granted purely on the ground of a hardness of heart, and that a bill of divorcement is lawful only on the ground of fornication. On any other ground, the man or woman who has been divorced cannot lawfully marry again.

*Christ Blessing Little Children.* Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17. The disciples were rebuking those who had brought their little children to Jesus to be blessed by Him, but He said, Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. We must accept Christ in childlike faith.

*The Rich Young Ruler.* Matt. 19:16-20:16; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30. And as He was going forth into the way there ran to Him one and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? "As we near the goal, the story seems to grow in tenderness and pathos," for as we turn from the beautiful scene of the blessing of the children, to that of the rich young ruler, we see how "the loving condescension of the Master" was brought to play, apparently to strengthen "the human



weakness of His disciples. The question asked by the young man was the question of all questions, upon the right answer of which hangs the destiny of every soul to-day no less than did that of the young man. Christ's answer to his question, also His command to Him to sell all he had and give to the poor, was to follow Him. He cast a gloom over his life, and he went away sorrowful. "And, all the while, we hear no more of him who had thus gone back to his rich home very, very, because 'very sorrowful.' I have cannot believe that he whom Jesus loved yet returned to the poverty of earth, the treasure of heaven." When the young man had gone, the Lord taught the disciples the things pertaining to the possession of riches.

#### Sunday Appointment at Water Valley Sunday Convention.

First Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. Bomar, Richmond, Va.  
 Second Church, 11 a. m., Dr. Sproles, Vicksburg.  
 Third Church, 11 a. m., Dr. R. A. Verlander, Vicksburg.  
 Fourth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. A. T. Robertson, Louisville, Ky.  
 Fifth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Sixth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Seventh Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Eighth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Ninth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Tenth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Eleventh Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Twelfth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Thirteenth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Fourteenth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Fifteenth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Sixteenth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Seventeenth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Eighteenth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.  
 Nineteenth Church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Ellis, Vicksburg.  
 Twentieth Church, 11 a. m., Dr. E. L. H. M. Nashville, Tenn.

#### Minutes of the Board of Trustees.

As before announced, the Board of Trustees, during committee week, ordered Dr. Lowrey, the new President, to go into the field for another year, and elected Prof. P. H. Eager, Chairman of the faculty. At the meeting of the Board during the Convention, the action at Clinton was resumed, and in the morning Dr. Lowrey, spending another year of his agency work, he was ordered to stay in the College and give his personal attention to the administration of its affairs. We are sure this arrangement will give every general satisfaction to the Baptists of Mississippi.

Let the watchword be passed down the lines that boys are wanted at the College for next session. Ask every friend of the college to go to work in earnest, to induce the boys to attend our college. All can help here. God has graciously led us and blessed us in our efforts to increase the endowment. Now let all prove our appreciation of these blessings by a more faithful service in the cause.

#### Fifty Notes.

Sometime since my wife and I were speaking of the recent frequent wrecks

along the line of the I. C. road, in the presence of our five year old "baby," during which conversation a reference was made to my purpose in the near future of doing some work along said road, whereupon the little one protested in the most positive manner against papa going on the train.

The day for my departure came however, and my family went with me to the depot to see me off, but "baby blue-eyes" still protested, and so earnest and positive were his protests, that, so soon as I had kissed the mother and children good-bye, he buried his face in his mother's bosom and positively refused to see me board the train, saying, after I was gone, "I did not want papa to go on the train." But away I sped towards Jackson. Then what? Well, one hour and 20 minutes later and an explosion of the boiler, which tore the "cab" into pieces, scalding the fireman and shaking us all up in a lively fashion, recalled the protests of the darling boy.

But what of all this, did you say? I do not know, only I know that during the 35 years of traveling by rail—of as many thousand miles, perhaps—nothing ever took place, out of the ordinary course of events, in connection with a train carrying this baptized believer in our Lord Jesus Christ. But, with gratitude to God for our deliverance, we soon had a new engine and again away we went, reaching, I trust, each one his and her destination, so far as that trip was concerned. But what of the final destination of that certain traveling "crew"? But as for your traveling representative he reached Martinsville in time for a good dinner in one of the thousands of the good homes of Mississippi Baptists, into which this paper man has gone within the last four years.

On this trip your correspondent visited Martinsville, Hazlehurst, Gallman, Crystal Springs, and, "considerable" portions of the adjacent rural districts, in all of which places renewals and new subscriptions to THE BAPTIST were taken. And, "as I have said before, so say I now again," this is always gratifying to me—in a high degree. At Martinsville, our good and able brother, J. E. Thigpen holds the fort—as pastor—and has, for 20 years, and he has wrought gloriously, for Christ and men. At Hazlehurst Bro. W. J. Williams, able and amiable, leads—as under-shepherd—the saints quite to the satisfaction and gratification of that good people. Bro. Cohron, of whom I need say nothing to Mississippi Baptists, goes in and out before the saints, whom they would not exchange for any man anywhere.

The Baptist part—which, by the way, is a considerable part—of Crystal Springs, is furnished with the milk and meat of the gospel by the beloved McComb, whose seems to have a stronger hold on his people than ever before.

Here Bro. W. S. Rogers lives and reaches four or more good strong country churches, from all of which good reports come ever and anon. Within the circle of this trip Damascus church, near Hazlehurst, and Bethel, east about 9 miles, are pastored,

respectively, by brethren Simmons, of Carpenter, and Hobbs, of Clinton, with much acceptableness. How refreshing—to one who has been in happy pastorates most of his life—to hear most all our brethren speak in highest terms of praise of their pastors. May the tribe increase yet more and more.

After doing up those good people your representative returned to the—to him—best place and people in all this wide world, and after a few days of restful work and workful rest—your representative, betook himself to the east side of the Pearl—passing by and preaching for our venerable beloved W. J. Fortenberry, at New Zion Church, east of Tyler-town, 5 miles, where he has done a great work during the past 40 years of a continuous pastorate, preaching also at Tyler-town at 5 p. m. But of the "East" I will write again.

Fraternally,

J. J. W. MATHIS.

#### On the Mission Field.

AT WIGGINS.

Last night we closed one of the best meetings that I ever attended. The meeting ran two weeks; the first week we enjoyed the great sermons of Rev. W. P. Price. Bro. Price is one of the very best preachers of our State. He presents the plain truth so every one cannot help but see the path of duty. Then he insists that they walk therein. The last week of the meeting the pastor did the preaching as best he could. The result was 26 were received by letter and 5 for baptism. Then on yesterday the church called the present pastor for one-half time and promised to pay 3% of pastor's salary; also see that the preacher had a home. We held this meeting in our new church house, built this year. We have bought fine oak pews, that will be placed the last of this month. Total cost of house and furniture \$2,500.00. Have paid on building about \$1,600.00; less than \$100.00 collected outside of the town. We will pay at least \$500.00 or more this year. The Lord has given us great success.

We have one of the largest saw mills in this State. Will begin work in about 40 days. We have the only church in the town, no other one preaching, so our possibilities are great indeed. I have been here 13 months, working under the direction of our State Mission Board. May God continue to bless the work of this Board. May all of our people assist in this grand work. Say to them, go forward. Rejoice with us. Pray for us.

W. B. HOLCOMB, Pastor.

#### Is it Necessary.

In the main, I think Dr. Sample is pretty solid on the doctrines of salvation by grace; but I cannot agree with his view that a knowledge of the plan is necessary to salvation. He says, "Think of a house built without a plan" or words to that effect—Now there is a considerable difference between a plan, and a knowledge of a plan. It is necessary for the builder to know the

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plan. It is not necessary for the one for whom the house is built to understand the plan of building.

Now I believe God has a way to save people, a plan. I believe God understands this plan and saves everyone by this plan. I mean the saved; but I do not believe it is necessary for the saved to understand how they are saved. I do believe there is a mystery about the whole thing that human wisdom cannot unravel—"The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell from whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." I was very sick, I sent for the doctor. He diagnosed my case, he prescribed the medicine; I had faith in the physician, I had faith in his medicine; I took it and was healed. I did not understand the plan, but I believed in the planner. I did not understand how I was cured, but I knew I was cured. A long time ago I heard the gospel preached and I found out there was something the matter with me. I read in God's Word a diagnosis of my case. I saw that I was sick in sin—"in the gall of bitterness and bonds of iniquity." I read on and I came across a prescription that was written by the Great Physician; "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Yet I thought I must work out my salvation: so I began to work. I re-

pented, I quit my evil ways, I prayed, I read God's Word, I went to preaching, I went to the mourner's bench; but my condition seemed to grow worse all the time. I thought God was angry with sinners and I was trying to satisfy an angry God. I was almost ready to give up in despair when I saw my mistake. The prescription said God so loved that He gave, and I saw the gift on the cross. Jesus dying that I might live, and I took Him into my heart and life and glory be to His holy name, I found light and joy and gladness.

I do not understand how it was done, but I know that whereas I was blind now I see. I do not know the plan but thank God, by faith, I know the planner. "And this is eternal life to know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

J. D. RICE.

#### VICTORY AGAIN.

The sober, God-fearing patriots of Hinds County have again won the victory over the immoral element. The battle was fierce and the struggle long. For more than a week the Board of Supervisors had been engaged with a petition from the whiskey clement, asking for an election authorizing open saloons in the county. After the consumption of much time and considerable expense to the county, the moral element prevailed. The number of qualified electors in the county is 1,761,

and one-third of this number is 587. So that the petition must have had 587 names to have been successful, this number being one-third of the qualified voters. But the petition, after those who were disqualified and those who withdrew their names were off only had 582 names, five short of the number required. So again Satan's scheme is thwarted and God honored.

Dr. Thomas J. Morgan, Secretary of the Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptists, died at his home in Yonkers on Sunday, the 13th. inst. In the death of this distinguished man the Baptists of this entire country, and the world, lose heavily. Within the last three weeks the Northern Baptists have lost two of their foremost workers, leaders; Jacobs, the leading Sunday-school man of the world died on June, 23rd, and now the distinguished head of the Home Mission Society follows. It is a consolation to all God's people to know under such circumstances that no man is essential to the success of the cause, God reigns and Christ lives, the work will go on.

Dr. Robert McArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of New York for 33 years, recently took up a mission collection in his church and raised \$71,000 at a single service. Since his long pastorate commenced, the church has raised \$200,000 for missions; 46,000 members have united with the church, and they have organized two other churches.







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## Personal.

—Fifty minutes were required for organization of the Convention.

—We extend sympathy to Rev. W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, Ky., in his recent loss by death of a son.

—During the last ten years North Carolina has built 240 cotton mills, an average of one every fifteen days.

—Lord Salisbury has resigned the Premiership, and Hon. Arthur Balfour succeeds him. This change created quite a stir in London.

—The place Bro. Landrum Leavell is spoken of on page 2, near middle of second column, as being elected to, is that of Field-man for the Sunday School work in Mississippi.

—The Convention instructed the Convention Board to settle in full with all missionaries at the end of each quarter, provided their services be satisfactory to the Board.

—Out of 1,600 churches in the State only 34 have Young Peoples' Unions, thus about only 2 per cent. of our churches have been enlisted. Can we not do better? Surely we can.

—Among the new faces seen in our late Convention and numbered with the permanent working forces of the State were W. J. Robertson, W. J. Williams, A. P. Pugh and I. P. Trotter. Bro. Trotter is a native of Mississippi and Bro. Pugh has spent the major part of his ministerial labors in our State.

—Rev. B. W. Spilman, Field-man of the Sunday School Board, was in evidence to the tune of 230 pounds, summer weight (winter weight being 245). So whether by summer or by winter, by land or by sea, he is no light weight. On his ability in Sunday School work is written excellently.

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—Mr. Root, Secretary of War, stands firm on his order to provisional Governor Taft, of the Philippines, that the Friars must withdraw from the islands. Gov. Taft is now in Rome wrestling with the Vatican for satisfactory adjustment of matters. The Pope does not enjoy this tilt with the United States.

—Rev. H. P. Hurt and Rev. A. A. Lomax were prevented from attending the Convention by sickness. Bro. Lomax was prevented by his own illness, and Bro. Hurt by the serious illness of his young wife. More than a month since Bro. Hurt was advised by his physician to go with his wife to Texas in search of health for her. We extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction.

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## Deaths.

## Jones.

Mrs. Eric Jones, wife of J. F. Jones, of Lucknow, passed to rest on July 15th, at 10 o'clock.

E. L. JONES.

## Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Death has removed from our midst our beloved brother and Sunday School superintendent, A. Delashmet.

Resolved, That it is the sense of our Sunday School that the community has lost a useful, helpful man, the Sunday School a most efficient and conscientious superintendent, and the church a faithful Christian member and fearless standard bearer of the truth by which we hope to be saved; therefore

Resolved, That we tender his family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Baptist Sunday School and another be sent to THE BAPTIST for publication.

MRS. E. O. GREGORY,  
J. W. PULLIAM,  
J. M. REED,  
Committee.

## Resolutions of Anding Baptist Church.

ADOPTED IN CONFERENCE JULY 12TH, 1902.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite and mysterious providence, did, on the 8th inst., take from us unto Himself our beloved pastor, Bro. Samuel J. Ellzey; and

WHEREAS, the said Bro. Ellzey was in the prime of life and the vigor of young manhood, and the possessor of zeal, energy, and intellectual talents in a remarkable degree, thus fitting him for great usefulness in the Master's work, and being the happy possessor of that living faith that produced works indicative of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, Our said Bro. Ellzey was an earnest, forcible, and consecrated preacher of the gospel in all its purity and simplicity, being fearless and uncompromising in combatting evil, patient, loving, kind and true in all his dealings with his fellow man, especially those of the household of faith; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That this church that he labored so faithfully to build and organize, and with whom he held membership, has sustained a loss that only a kind and loving Omnipotence can repair; Second, That the Baptist ministry of

—Of those whose faces we shall see no more on earth we keenly felt the absence from our Convention of the late Revs. St. Clair Lawrence, M. V. Noffsinger, G. A. Grammar, and S. J. Ellzey. We missed these fellow-servants who have gone on to their rewards.

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Third, That the community and county in which he lived has lost a citizen whose influence for good was second to none, it having been said of him by a prominent pastor of the metropolis of the county one year ago that "Bro. Ellzey was doing the grandest work of any man in Yazoo Co., and could influence more people than any man in it."

Fourth, The grief-stricken wife, parents and other relatives in this hour of unspeakable sorrow are commended to Him who is love and whose grace has been promised a sufficiency for all emergencies and who will not despise a broken and contrite spirit.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this church and a copy sent to THE BAPTIST, and a copy to the parents and another to the wife of the deceased.

G. W. KIRK, Mod. Pro. Tem.  
T. M. KELLY, Clerk.

## Married.

## Stone-Boling.

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## The Weather and We.

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We must not fret.  
When the weather is  
We must not cry.  
When the weather is  
We must not scold.  
When the weather is  
We must not storm.  
But be thankful to  
Whoever the weather is.

## Work Among the Colored People.

This is one of the most perplexing parts of the work which the board is trying to do. As for years past, so now, the board has been more than ever helping the colored people. The only question it has asked has been: How can we do so as not to do more harm than good? The question has arisen in the minds of some among us whether it would not be better for the board to deal with the colored people in the way of helping them in their work, rather than in the line of evangelization, leaving our brethren of the North to continue the work they are doing in education. This would not in any way imply antagonism between the board North and South, but in utter harmony and good fellowship, each could pursue its work in the lines most congenial to itself and its constituents, and each be relieved of the complications which puzzle and paralyze its efforts. Already our board is doing some work of this kind with aid through the Home Board of the National Baptist Convention, we helping them to maintain in the field two general missionaries, who, under direction of their own Board, work in pastors and churches all over the South, seeking to lead these to higher ideas of life and service for the Master. So far we can follow up this work, it seems to be accomplishing good, but like all the work we have done, or are trying to do to solve the spiritual problem of the colored people, it is tentative, experimental.

## The Country Church.

One of the most urgent needs of the country church is improvement in the colleges in favor of country evangelization. A student

volunteer movement pledging college men to begin their ministry in some country or village field, is as urgent and imperative as that which was started in the behalf of preaching the gospel in heathen lands. There are exceptions, but in most cases for their own intellectual development and to secure knowledge of and sympathy with the people, our ministerial graduates should determine to spend a number of years in the country or on the frontier, before even considering a call to the big towns and crowded cities.

College faculties may do much toward solving the problem of the country church, from which they draw the majority of their students, especially those who, in the years to come, are to reflect honor upon their alma mater. If the world is to be evangelized through America, then more attention must be paid to the preaching of the Gospel and the nurture of the churches in the country districts. —Literary Digest.

## A Good Doctor.

A physician of Reading, Pa., Dr. Isaac C. Detweiler, has just finished a decade, during which he has given every dollar received from his practice, to religious and philanthropic causes. For thirty-six years he gave a tithe of his income. Ten years ago, the Lord having prospered him, he decided to give all his income. His last contribution was \$225, with which to buy New Testaments to be distributed among the soldiers in Cuba and Puerto Rico. —Missionary Review.

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## TEMPERANCE.

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## The Redemption of a Saloon Man.

BY J. B. GAMBRELL,  
In Standard.

Prohibition is benevolent in all its bearings. It is not meant to bust the liquor dealer and his family, but to help them. No people, in fact, are more vitally interested in prohibition than that unfortunate class who are now involved in the meshes of the liquor business. They, above all people, need help to retrieve themselves from the snare of the devil.

The following true story will serve to illustrate the truth of the foregoing statements. There was a local option election in one of the most populous counties of a State east of the great river. The contest waxed warm, and from warm to hot, from hot to furious. The sides were compactly organized, determined and well handled. That it would be close was generally conceded. The whisky men had large interests at stake. It was a pivotal county, the surrounding counties were dry, and a very large jug trade supplemented the retail business.

It goes without saying that the women were organized and in the campaign. Toward the close of the contest there began to come urgent appeals to a temperance lecturer to come and help. He was busy and felt he could not leave his affairs. But the appeals poured in, each one more urgent than the one before. Two days before the election telegram after telegram came from the president of the W. C. T. U. to come at once. The lecturer put down everything and went. Reaching the depot he was greeted by a great concourse of people. The white ribbon army was there with flags flying. The president introduced herself and explained that she was to entertain the lecturer, and, further, that her husband was the manager of the campaign on the whisky side and a saloonkeeper. The visitor demurred, but was assured it was all right and was understood between herself and husband. That settled it.

At the home, when the husband came in, there was some chill in the atmosphere, but the wife and daughter chatted along about the campaign as if all were agreed. The poor fellow looked

whipped, but beyond saying, "I suppose you have come to ruin me," nothing was said by him. The lecturer said: "No, I have come to help you."

He was soon out and gone. The two days following were strenuous. The W. C. T. U. president put the speaker on to all the points and he waded in with a will. The women cheered him and begged him as only women can when their very souls are in a contest.

The election came and all day long the women served lunches, did personal work and prayed. The news began to come in "dry." The dry won by an unexpected majority, and shouts rang out from every little band of workers. The lecturer took his leave and was gone for more than a year.

The pastor of the Baptist church was gone and the lecturer was invited to fill the pulpit. He was met at the depot by the former saloonkeeper, wife and daughter in their carriage. A Baptist brother was there to take the preacher, but with a meaningful expression the ex-saloonist said: "You must go with me. I have something to tell you." He went with his unexpected friend. Supper was over and the family gathered around the fire on the winter's evening. Here is the story the ex-saloonkeeper told: "I was raised by as pious Methodist parents as live. They taught me to hate whisky and especially saloons. I was taught to reverence God and His church. Just as I was turning into manhood I came to this town determined to make money and be somebody. As clerk I had saved up a few hundred dollars and was anxious to make a good investment of it. A saloonkeeper learning that I had the money proposed to borrow it, pay a large interest and make me safe by giving a mortgage on everything in the saloon. I did not like it, but finally concluded that some one would accept the offer and I had as well take it as anyone else, as my refusing would not stop the business. It turned out that I had to take the whole thing to stay my money. But I would not go about it. It ran on under the old name, and I gave orders to clean out all the bums and deadbeats around the place. This done, the business began to make money rapidly. At the close of the year the question was, why quit? Somebody will sell it, probably keep a worse place; why not go on and

make it decent? I did go on. The business grew till my salary as a clerk seemed contemptible by my gains from the saloon. I overcame all scruples and went into the place myself. Then, being in, I bought another one on the other side of the square and was coining money when the temperance agitation began. All this time a change was going on in me, though it was not perceived. I quit going to church. I imbibed the spirit of the people who visited the saloons. My faith in God, in preachers, in the churches, in good women was eclipsed or destroyed. I believed all preachers were hypocrites and the churches were dens of evil. My faith in good women was gone and I looked upon life as a grab game in which all methods were alike, good or bad. Then came prohibition. I felt I was ruined and I was exceedingly bitter. But with the change in the sentiment of the town and country, I began to see things differently. The old crowd scattered. There was nothing to hold them together. The fog rose and dissipated. My blood cooled and my old-time view of things began to return. Preachers looked like they did in my boyhood. I began to go to church, and I was converted. I am now a member of the Methodist church and we are a united, happy family."

He then said: "I owe you a great debt of gratitude, next to my wife and daughter, for what you did to get me out of the fog of the saloon business."

The story carries its own lessons. Wine is a deceiver, an arch-deceiver. The liquor business is the most horrible octopus on this earth. It has more tentacles to catch and hold people; it has the strongest grip on its victims, and well deserves the name of "the matchless evil." The saloonkeeper, of all men connected with the dark business, has the least chance to break away and begin a good life. He instinctively feels that society is against him as he is against society. His business draws to it those classes of persons whose influence is most pernicious. The atmosphere reeks with moral poison. The saloon is the natural habitat and breeding place of every vice. It is the sum of all evil concentrated in one mammoth evil. If a saloon man is to be reached he must get from be-

hind the bar, which is the devil's breastworks.

Whoever has a friend in this business ought to take a lesson from the heroic conduct of this wife and daughter. Not till his redemption could the saloonkeeper understand their love and devotion to his highest good. In the same spirit ought all good people to labor for prohibition, looking to tearing down the strongholds of Satan that people may be saved.

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I am pleased to know that my daughter did so well. She is saying all she can for Hillman College. I shall send her back, if I am able.

F. M. OTT, Osyka, Miss.

DEAR DR. JOHNSON:—I was delighted with my visit to Hillman College during Commencement. I think the College very progressive and the faculty very proficient. I am sure my sister has advanced rapidly. With the very best wishes for the greatest success,

M. GRACE HAMMETT, Vicksburg, Miss.

As a patron of Hillman College I wish to say that I am well pleased with your care and training of my daughter. If you continue as you have commenced you will have to care and train for me to the extent of my financial ability.

JOHN THOMPSON, Lorman, Miss.

As a resident of Clinton and a patron of the Music Department of Hillman College, it gives me real pleasure to speak of the highly satisfactory management of this institution. The discipline is firm but kind, and the administration strives ever to present the highest ideals of moral and religious life.

A. J. AVEN, Prof. of Latin, Mississippi College.

I have been a patron of Hillman College during the last session and find everything satisfactory. I believe it to be an "up-to-date" institution and worthy of support and patronage.

J. R. SAMPLE, M. D., Summit, Miss.

Since Dr. John L. Johnson has been in charge of Hillman College I have been well pleased with its work, and as one of its patrons, I can endorse any good thing that may be said of it.

J. C. COGDELL, Martinsville, Miss.

I am educating my daughter at Hillman College and I do not believe the school has a superior in the country. It is doing a noble work in the upbuilding of the young women of the South, and I wish many more people could know of the great good being accomplished there.

J. H. TATUM, Edwards, Miss.

I am a patron of Hillman College and one of my daughters graduated there last session. I can heartily say that it is a fine school. The many improvements now being made will make it still better.

G. B. HAWKINS, Clinton, Miss.

My daughter graduated at Hillman College last May. It is an excellent school. While I was visiting there, I had opportunity to form my own opinion of it. The girls devoted themselves to study and showed that they had the best of care. I never saw better behavior in a school, and I would advise parents to send their daughters there, as they will have the finest training and be attended to if sick.

MRS. M. L. HOOD, Longwood, Washington County, Miss.

DEAR DR. JOHNSON:—As a patron of Hillman College, I desire to congratulate you on your eminently successful administration of its affairs; and the young women who have come under the wise and safe instruction of your splendid faculty.

J. M. SHARP, Prof. of Mathematics, Mississippi College.

My daughter graduated at Hillman College last session and it affords me great pleasure to recommend Hillman to young ladies desiring to enter a first-class college. I consider the faculty to be of a high order and the work done last session most satisfactory.

L. M. GUESS, McComb, Miss.

I had two daughters at Hillman College during the session of 1901-1902, and I take pleasure in commending the college to the favorable consideration of all those who have daughters to educate. The discipline is firm but kind and the instruction thorough. I consider the college first-class in every respect.

T. R. TROTTER, M. D., Winona, Miss.

I have known and been in touch with Hillman College since its infancy, have educated all my daughters within its walls and am a patron of the institution at the present time. I know the present faculty and can see no good reason why its work now should not surpass the glorious record of years gone by.

WM. BELL, Cynthia, Miss.

I have been a patron of Hillman College under the management of Dr. John L. Johnson and I think it is one of the best schools for young women in the State. The work is thorough; all the teachers are well qualified and experienced, and the boarding department is most excellently conducted. I heartily commend it to all persons having daughters to educate as a school worthy of all confidence.

J. C. MIZE, Sheriff of Scott County, Forest, Miss.

My daughter attended Hillman last session and we are indeed well pleased with her course of study and the care that was taken of her. Under the able management of Dr. John L. Johnson I can highly recommend Hillman College to all parents who anticipate educating their daughters.

J. A. ASHFORD, M. D., Bolton, Miss.

One of our daughters graduated at Hillman College last session. Mr. Green and I have nothing but words of praise for the college and faculty. I think I can send you my other girls; you know I have three more.

MRS. E. H. GREEN, Jackson, Miss.

As a patron of Hillman College for several years past, it gives me pleasure to state that the session just closed is the most satisfactory one in all respects that I have known. I commend it to all my friends.

E. B. POOLE, M. D., Clinton, Miss.

Hillman College, to my knowledge, is superior to any other college in the State. The faculty is one of noble, Christian character. Young women learn only what is beneficial in this great college. I must say, "It is a high class, Christian school of culture and refinement."

A. J. HOLTON, Holton, La.